

foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes:

Ms. LEE. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of the Payne amendment and thank my colleague for working with Chairwoman LOWEY in drafting this amendment.

Over the last month the entire country has awakened to the threat of XDR-TB (Extensively Drug Resistant Tuberculosis). The simple fact of the matter is that we can prevent XDR-TB and the less dangerous MDR-TB (Multi-drug resistant TB) with better TB control programs that ensure that people who are taking drugs for TB stay on their medicines, and avoid developing drug resistance.

XDR-TB has already been found in over 37 countries around the world. However, due to inadequate lab facilities around the world we don't truly know how far XDR-TB has spread.

Additional funding provided by the Payne amendment would help us address some of these issues. I want to again thank my colleague Representative PAYNE for offering this amendment and for working with Chairwoman LOWEY to ensure that we increase funding for Tuberculosis programs in the State-Foreign Ops bill this year.

I look forward to continuing to work with both of my colleagues and the committee to ensure that TB continues to get the funding and attention it deserves.

KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION FEDERAL CHARTER

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2007

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, today on the 22nd anniversary of its founding, I rise to offer legislation that would grant the Korean War Veterans Association a Federal Charter, enabling the Association to expand its mission and further its charitable and benevolent causes. The Association, comprised exclusively of Korean War veterans, has over 25,000 members and is one of the few such organizations of its size without a Federal Charter.

Being awarded such a charter will afford the Korean War Veterans Association the same status as other major veterans' organizations and allow it to participate as part of select committees with other congressionally chartered veterans and military groups. A Federal Charter—at no cost to the government—will also accelerate the Association's accreditation with the Department of Veterans Affairs, enabling its members to assist in processing veterans' claims.

More than 50 years have passed since the war-weary men and women who served in Korea returned home. Half a century later, history has revealed that the sacrifices made by these brave soldiers stemmed the expansion of communism and effectively contributed to a more peaceful world.

Granting this Federal Charter is a small expression of our appreciation for the extraordinary courage and sacrifice of our forces in Korea. This bipartisan legislation is an opportunity to express our gratitude and respect for our military, past and present, and to give Korean War veterans the long-awaited recogni-

tion they deserve to ensure that the "forgotten war" is forgotten no more.

TRIBUTE TO SOLDIERS OF THE KOREAN WAR

HON. TIMOTHY J. WALZ

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2007

Mr. WALZ of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, 57 years ago today, on June 25, 1950, the Korean war began when North Korean forces invaded South Korea. Two days later, President Truman sent U.S. forces to support South Korea and the United Nations followed suit. This initial conflict led to a 3-year war in which American forces defended South Korean territory against Communist invaders from North Korea and China. The United States and our allies suffered numerous successes and setbacks, engaging in a difficult struggle for terrain on the Korean peninsula. In the end, over 54,000 American service members died during the Korean War and over 100,000 were wounded.

We are still living with the legacy of the Korean war today. Thousands of American servicemembers remain on guard on the Korean peninsula along the Demilitarized Zone. While the Korean war is sometimes called the "Forgotten War," it is certainly not forgotten in the 110th Congress. I am proud to honor the commitment and service of those soldiers who fought in Korea and those who continue to stand watch at their posts on the peninsula today. On this day, the 57th anniversary of the start of the Korean war, we honor the sacrifice and service of America's Armed Forces and pledge to continue to work on their behalf in this Congress and beyond.

TURNING THE BATTLE AROUND

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2007

Mr. CUMMINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to proudly honor, but sadly send away, one of Baltimore's finest citizens and leaders: Dr. Stanley F. Battle, who recently left his post as the President of Coppin State University, located in my district.

Dr. Battle is a man of vision—and true to his name, he turned the battle around to achieve victory for thousands of college students, faculty and the entire Baltimore community.

When Dr. Battle took the helm of this great historically black liberal arts institution in March 2003, Coppin was at a different place than it is today.

Then classified as a college, Coppin was severely underfunded—a situation further escalated by budget cuts to higher education institutions, and a slow economy.

Yet, where critics saw dark clouds—Dr. Battle saw sunlight.

One of his most notable accomplishments was to establish the campus as the first completely wireless campus in the University System of Maryland.

Through Dr. Battle's leadership, Coppin pioneered the Tegrity Campus, which combines

digital audio and video recording of the class lectures with electronic note-taking and computer usage. These technological innovations were noticed by the prestigious U.S. News & World Report magazine, which ranked Coppin as one of the top 50 U.S. colleges and universities with absolute wireless capacity.

Then, within 1 year and 1 month of Dr. Battle's tenure as president, Coppin received university status for the first time in its history.

The following academic year, enrollment increased by 11 percent.

Dr. Battle's innovation reached beyond the campus—as he created several initiatives to uplift children in Baltimore City Schools, and empower them to attend college. One such initiative was the Academic Enrichment Academy that offers a free SAT Camp.

Another project he spearheaded was the Talented Ten African American Male Mentoring Program. He also collaborated with Baltimore Public Schools to create several programs to uplift children.

He continued building strong relationships with Baltimore's faith-based community.

Joining with the Coppin Heights Community Development Corporation, Dr. Battle also helped bring together members of the university and the neighbors of the campus to redevelop and revitalize the area surrounding Coppin. He further facilitated the campus's growth from 38 to 52 acres.

In terms of research expansion, Dr. Battle facilitated increased external research grants and established the Raymond V. Haysbert Research Center.

As the Congressman representing Coppin, I was proud to work with Dr. Battle as I helped secure a grant for a major research project, and other funding for educational and transportation programs.

On July 1, 2007, Dr. Battle will begin his role as the Chancellor at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical University in Greensboro, NC.

It is a great loss for the Baltimore community and for Coppin State University.

However, he leaves behind a legacy that has forever changed us—and made an impact on the future leaders of America.

Nevertheless, as a strong believer in expanding high quality education to all Americans, I am joyful that the community of North Carolina A&T University is receiving a great gift as Dr. Battle as its chancellor.

Dr. Battle's legacy of turning around battles will continue to reverberate throughout Maryland for years to come.

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HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 25, 2007

Mr. COLE of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the Holcim (US) cement plant in Ada, OK, for ensuring a century of continuous cement operations, for its use of